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In re Application of :  
Shutt et al. :  
Application No. 09/056,289 :  
Filed: April 7, 1998 :  
Title of Invention: :  
POLYMERIZATION PROCESS :

ON PETITION

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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a), filed July 21, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely reply to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due (hereinafter "Notice"), mailed May 9, 2000. The Office action set a non-extendable statutory period for reply of three (3) months.


Applicant filed a reply to the Notice in the form of a Continued Prosecution Application ("CPA"), on August 9, 2000; however, the Office failed to recognize the CPA. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on October 2, 2000.

In response to the Notice of Abandonment, Applicant filed a petition on March 24, 2004, requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment, which was dismissed as untimely.

With the instant petition, Applicant has met the requirements of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a).

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 1713 for continued examination in due course.

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